

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A filtering device for an espresso-type coffee maker of the type having a spout to deliver heated water under high pressure to finely ground coffee beans to brew coffee therefrom, and a receptacle to receive brewed filtered coffee, means defining a flow path between said finely ground beans to said receptacle, comprising:

a [metallic] permanent filter in said path of heated coffee passing to the receptacle which filter has openings sized to filter out the fine espresso coffee grounds; and

at least one layer of filter paper in the path of the heated coffee passing to the receptacle, the at least one layer of filter paper having a filter thickness sufficient to effectively remove and trap lipids from the heated coffee.

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4. (Twice amended) In an espresso-type coffee maker of the type that delivers heated water under [3 to 15 bars of] elevated pressure to a pan in which finely ground coffee beans are present and from which brewed coffee is removed through a permanent filter, the improvement of a disposable paper filter across the flow path of the brewed coffee, said paper filter being of a thickness and size so as to effectively remove and trap lipids and fine grounds from the brewed coffee and to reduce the lipids in the brewed coffee [by at least 50%] and wherein said paper filter is sized and shaped to fit over and adjacent the top of said permanent filter between said permanent filter and said finely ground coffee and said finely ground coffee is positioned above and on said paper filter so that the paper filter also serves to aid in removing, in a single operation, the used grounds as well as the paper filter from the coffee maker.

Please cancel claim 9, without prejudice.

Please cancel claim 13, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (Currently amended) A method of making lower lipids containing brewed coffee liquid in an espresso-type coffee maker of the type having a spout to deliver heated water under elevated pressure to finely ground coffee beans to brew coffee therefrom and a receptacle to receive brewed coffee and having a flow path defined between said finely ground beans to the receptacle including a permanent filter in the flow path, comprising:
placing at least one layer of filter paper in the flow path; and
passing heated water at an elevated pressure sequentially through the finely ground coffee beans, the at least one layer of filter paper, and the permanent filter to the receptacle;
wherein the at least one layer of filter paper has a filter thickness sufficient to effectively remove and trap lipids from the coffee beans.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the at least one layer of filter paper comprises a plurality of layers of filter paper.

Please amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the plurality of layers of filter paper are crimped together to form an easily handled unit.

Please cancel claim 22, without prejudice.